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For: METHOD FOR THE COMPRESSION OF RECORDINGS OF AMBIENT NOISE, METHOD  
FOR THE DETECTION OF PROGRAM ELEMENTS THEREIN, AND DEVICE THEREFOR

Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**  
**REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 27, 2001, Applicant hereby elects the invention identified as Group 1, containing claims 1-22 and 27-29, with traverse.

The election is being traversed because as amended herein, and as originally filed, claim 23, which has been placed with the invention of Group II, depends from claim 1. Claims 24-26 each depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 23, and therefore ultimately from claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and further examination on the merits of claims 1-29 are respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS		HIGHEST NO.					
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\* not less than 20 \*\* not less than 3

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#### CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

#### AMENDMENTS

1.  If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

#### 2. Claims:

Please amend claims 11, 13, 15-16, 23 and 26 and add new claims 30-59 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.